

Cabinet
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Head of Community and Environmental
Services Report COMM 1518

Grants to Voluntary Organisations

1. Introduction

- This paper reports on the grants awarded by the Cabinet Member for Concessions & Community Support and seeks approval to award £2,000 to the Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy.

2. Grants to Voluntary Organisations

- The Cabinet Member for Concessions and Community Support has awarded two grants for £1,000 or less:
 - **Aldershot Royal British Legion** **£300**
To fund publicity aimed at increasing local membership
 - **7th Farnborough Scout Troupe** **£500**
Towards the cost of purchasing new tents
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| Total | £800 |
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- The application from the Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy shown in Appendix A is recommended to receive an award of £2,000.
- Aldershot Garrison took up only £1,000 of the £2,000 awarded in July towards the Aldershot Military Festival and this has been returned to the grants fund.
- The budget for voluntary organisations for 2015/16 is £22,238. Taking into account the two grants that have been awarded by the Cabinet Member for £1,000 or less in this paper and the recommended award to the Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy of £2,000 will leave £20,438 available for allocation in the remainder of this financial year.

3 Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- note the grants above for £1,000 or less totalling £800
- approve the grant to Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy for £2,000

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS	
SUMMARY SHEET	
Name of Applicant	Rushmoor Gymnastics Academy
Grant Requested (Total cost of project)	£2,000 towards training costs of £3,000. Total cost of employing both apprentices is over £20,000
Purpose of Grant	Towards the training costs of two new apprentices: Level 1 training - £400 x2 Level 2 training - £500 x2 Exchange visits - £500 x2 Travel expenses - £100 x2
Previous Grants in last 3 years	None
Rent Relief	100%
Rate Relief	100%
Membership / Rushmoor Residents Assisted	Membership of 800 with many casual users
Other sources of funding	From club funds
Accounts	Income - £493,000 Expenditure - £475,000 Balances - £228,000
Aims of Organisation/General Comments	<p>They provide for all levels and abilities with gymnasts competing at county, regional, national and international level. The gym hosts major national and international competitions, plus international summer and Easter camps with participants coming from around the world. Also hosts Pilates, Jujitsu, Karate and ballet clubs and groups. The centre also runs a successful play gym for pre-school children.</p> <p>The two new apprentices will assist with the ever-increasing numbers. Apart from their exams, they will make use of exchanges and specialist dance training and receive regional / national coaching to increase their experience.</p> <p>The apprentices will enable them to help clear the waiting list and open new classes. Once trained, they will be employed full time and be self-funding.</p>
Application recommendation	£2,000